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Application No.: 10/605,080
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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action dated January 11, 2006 has Claims 1-6, and 8-10 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Min (US-5,072,134, hereinafter "Min").

Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claim 11 is allowed.

Applicants respectfully amend the claims below. Reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

The Office Action has rejected Claims 1-6, and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Min (US-5,072,134, hereinafter "Min").

In response to the aforementioned claim rejections to Claims 1-6, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations, features, and elements of dependent Claim 7. As a result, the rejections to Claims 1-6 are moot, and Claims 1-6 should be allowed. No new matter were introduced as a result of the aforementioned claim amendment. In addition, Claim 7 has been canceled.

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In response to the aforementioned claim rejections to Claims 8-10, Applicants have amended independent Claim 8 to incorporate all of the limitations, elements, and features of the allowable Claim 11. As a result, Claim 8 should be allowed. No new matter were introduced as a result of the aforementioned claim amendment. Furthermore, Applicants have canceled Claims 9 and 10 to render the rejections to Claims 9 and 10 moot.

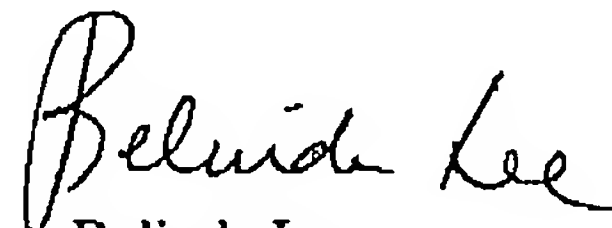
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CONCLUSION

The Applicant thanks for the allowance of Claim 11. Furthermore, for at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, and 11 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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